# ADVENTURES TO GO

### **CARE-FREE TRAVEL FOR ADULTS AGES 50 PLUS**

### **JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER**

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### **ADVENTURES TO GO – GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Trip Availability:** All trips are open to Santa Clara residents and non-residents, age 50 plus. Priority registration is given to residents for new trips released after *Let's Talk Travel* on the fourth Wednesday of the month; non-residents can register on the following Monday. Waitlists are created once trips fill; those on the waitlist are called as spaces become available. Trips not reaching the minimum enrollment required will be canceled.

**Senior Center Registration Form:** Travelers are required to complete a Senior Center registration form and sign a liability release each calendar year prior to participation in the *Adventures to Go* travel program.

**Trip Attendance:** Only those officially registered for a trip may attend. Participant substitutions are not allowed at time of check-in on day of trip. All travelers must register in advance at the Santa Clara Senior Center and have a current registration form on file.

### **Refund Policy:**

- **Day/Extended Trips** Please choose wisely. Refunds will ONLY be provided when a replacement can be found from the ATG trip waitlist, through the procedures outlined under "Traveler Replacement" in the Guidelines for Use, or the trip is cancelled by the Senior Center.
- Travel Insurance The Santa Clara Senior Center recommends you consider travel insurance, especially for extended trips. Check online at: <a href="http://www.insuremytrip.com">http://www.insuremytrip.com</a>, with Kanen Tours, AAA, or an insurance provider of your preference.

**Trip/Meal Substitutions:** Trip itineraries may be modified due to unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be made to replace the location and/or activity with one that is similar. Refunds are not guaranteed should there be a change in itinerary. Hosted meals may be modified at the discretion of the restaurant.

**Trip Activity Levels/Special Needs:** Activity levels listed are offered as a guideline. Travelers with accessibility concerns, special needs, or questions should contact the Travel Administrator.

**Trip Pick-Up/Drop-Off:** Trips leave from and return to the old police station parking lot, near the corner of Lincoln Avenue and 1541 Civic Center Drive, in Santa Clara. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before trip departure for check-in; 30 minutes for overnight trips. Motor coach will leave promptly at time specified. *Please note:* During a trip, if a situation (urgent or non-urgent) arises where you are unable to meet-up with your "travel group" at the pre-designated time and place identified by the tour escort(s), it will be your responsibility and expense to make arrangements to get yourself home. This would also apply to any other traveler who may decide to stay with you. A tour escort is not able to stay behind with you for any situation that may occur.

**Gratuities:** Trip fees include a modest gratuity for the driver of the motor coach and servers at hosted meals. When you experience exceptional service, you may choose to tip an additional amount. City of Santa Clara employees and tour escorts cannot accept gratuities.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): For more information, please see page 10.



### **ADVENTURES TO GO – TRIP INFORMATION**

Trip availability can change from day to day.

Contact the Senior Center office for registration information at (408) 615-3170.

Russian River Rose Company

No. 53029

Thursday, June 5

\$90 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – Dress in layers, wear closed toed shoes and bring a camera.

Come and smell the roses! Russian River Rose Company located in Healdsburg, Sonoma County offers us a 40 minute Perfume Tour, during which they will harvest rose petals and distill them into rose water and rose oil, and a 40 minute garden tour featuring 650 varieties of roses in full bloom. The tours will be conducted by a professional rosarian and garden designer. Between tours the group will enjoy a 20 minute break with a cup of refreshing organic tea. Time is allowed for a visit to the small gift shop where the estate-produced rose water and rose perfume are sold, as well as free time for shopping in the nursery chock full of beautiful roses, irises and perennials. Next, the group will enjoy a family style Italian luncheon at Giorgio's, Healdsburg. The meal includes antipasto, pizza, cheese ravioli w/ meat sauce, pasta al pesto, and eggplant parmigiana. After lunch we will have free time in downtown Healdsburg to visit shops and wine tasting bars.

• Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.

### Golden Gate Fields \$77 per person

No. 53031

Thursday, June 12

Activity level: LOW – approx. 1 hour drive each way; moderate walking; some stairs; elevator. Enjoy Thoroughbred horse racing at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley. A buffet lunch at the Turf Club will include prime rib, chicken, and a variety of salads, fresh fruits, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverage. View the races from your Turf Club seats. Please remember there is a dress code of "Business Casual," meaning no jeans, shorts, tank tops, or flip flops. Men must wear collared shirts.

• Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.

Jackson Rancheria Casino \$45 per person No. 53032

Tuesday, June 17

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 2 1/2 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.

Let the games begin! There are 49 gaming tables, 9 poker tables and over 1500 slot and video poker machines for your enjoyment at this casino in Jackson. Dining options include a buffet at Raging River or an expanded menu at Uncle Bud's. For a quick snack there's Café Express, offering hot dogs, salads, sweet treats, side dishes, and beverages. Casino bonus: \$20 Slot Play OR \$25 Table Play and \$5 Food Credit. Please note: bonuses subject to change without notice.

• Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.



Show Boat at SF Opera

No. 53033

Sunday, June 22

\$175 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive each way; long periods of sitting.

A classic of American musical theater, this tale of life on the Mississippi from the 1880s to the 1920s is both a love story and a powerful reminder of the bitter legacy of racism. Director Francesca Zambello's grand-scale production is "a triumph—a stylish, fast-paced and colorful show that had the audience on its feet, cheering loud and long" (*Chicago Classical Review*). The Jerome Kern-Oscar Hammerstein II score, which includes such classics as "Ol' Man River," "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" and "Make Believe," will sound glorious "under the authoritative baton of music-theater maestro John DeMain" (*Chicago Tribune*). Travelers will have the option of a pre-opera talk in the theater. Enjoy lunch at Max's Opera Café, before the show, with your choice of Caesar Salad with Chicken, BBQ Pork Wrap & French Fries, Corned Beef or Turkey Sandwich served on rye with coleslaw, or Vegetarian Roma Pasta. A non-alcoholic beverage and light dessert are included.

Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:45 PM.

## Almaden Quicksilver Park \$67 per person

No. 53034

Thursday, June 26

Activity level: HIGH – approx. 30 minute drive each way. 1.6 mile, mostly level, guided outdoor walk. Wear good walking shoes, dress in layers and bring sunblock.

Almaden Quicksilver Park situated in south San Jose is a 4.1 acre park that includes the grounds of former mercury mines. We'll visit the Mining Museum for a docent led tour, enjoy a picnic lunch, and take a guided history walk. The Museum presents visitors with an array of exhibits about the history of mercury mining and the lifestyles of mining communities at New Almaden. A mine diorama duplicates the interior of a mine shaft, giving the visitors a feel for working underground. Other exhibits explain the changing technology of how the liquid mercury was extracted from the mined cinnabar ore. Artifacts from Cornish, Mexican, and Chinese mining families depict the diversity of people that once lived and worked together on 'the hill'. Then, the group will take a visit to Casa Grande's antique-furnished parlor, library and drawing room which reflect the lifestyles of a mine manager's family. The picnic box lunch includes a sandwich choice of Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef or Veggie, side salad, cookies, fresh fruit, and bottled water.

• Motor coach leaves promptly at 9:00 AM and returns at approximately 3:00 PM.

## ONCE at the Curran \$131 per person

No. 53035

Wednesday, July 9

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive each way; long periods of sitting. Must be able to walk one flight of stairs. Eat before arrival or bring a lunch to eat on the motor coach. No lunch or stop for lunch provided.

Winner of eight 2012 Tony Awards including Best Musical, *ONCE* is a truly original Broadway experience. Featuring an impressive ensemble of actor/musicians who play their own instruments onstage, *ONCE* tells the enchanting tale of a Dublin street musician who's about to give up on his dream when a beautiful young woman takes a sudden interest in his haunting love songs. As the chemistry between them grows, his music soars to powerful new heights, but their unlikely connection turns out to be deeper and more complex than your everyday romance. Emotionally captivating and theatrically breathtaking, *ONCE* draws you in from the very first note and never lets go. It's an unforgettable story about going for your dreams and the power of music to connect us all.

• Motor coach leaves promptly at 11:15 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.



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SF Giants vs. Oakland A's

No. 53036

Thursday, July 10

\$103 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM - approx. 1 1/4 hour drive each way; extended periods of walking and sitting. Wear good walking shoes and layered clothing. Seats may experience prolonged instances of sun exposure.

Witness the Battle of the Bay as the San Francisco Giants face the Oakland A's at AT&T Park! We will arrive at the ballpark early to give you plenty of time to explore the area and purchase food before the game begins. We will be dropped off and picked up at the entrance near the Orlando Cepeda statue for easy access to and from our lower box seats located along left field. Game time is subject to change for television coverage; you will be notified if game time changes.

• Motor coach leaves promptly at 9:45 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.

## Filoli, Buck's, & Allied Arts

No. 53065

Tuesday, July 15

\$95 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM - Long periods of walking and standing. Wear layers.

Filoli welcomes the public to this remarkable 654-acre property, including the 36,000 square foot Georgian country house and spectacular 16-acre English Renaissance garden. Recognized as one of the finest remaining country estates of the early 20th century. Filoli is a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and stewardship of the estate's cultural traditions and natural history. Businessman William Bourn named his estate by combining the first two letters from the key words of his credo: "Fight for a just cause; Love your fellow man; Live a good life." The leisurely, two-hour, docent-led walk allows for one hour in the home and one hour in the gardens. Limited time will be available for the gift shop.

Much has been made of the venture capitalist clientele that frequents Buck's of Woodside, a carnival of a coffee shop in rural Woodside. The walls and ceiling are festooned with trinkets, Americana and tech memorabilia that will keep you entertained as you eat. This iconic Silicon Valley restaurant is home to some of the biggest deals and brightest ideas the valley has ever seen. Menu choices include: Buck's Cheese Burger with fries, Club Sandwich with fries, or New Mexico BBQ Chicken Salad and a non-alcoholic beverage.

Allied Arts Guild is a beautiful and historic garden oasis, home to unique shops, and artists' studios. Since 1929, Allied Arts Guild has provided an inspiring environment for working artists, beautiful gardens and shops for visitors, and support for the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Travelers will have free time to walk the grounds and shop.

• Motor coach leaves promptly at 9:15 AM and returns at approximately 5:15 PM.

### Red Hawk Casino \$43 per person

No. 53064

Thursday, July 31

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 2 1/2 drive; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.

Spend 5 hours at Red Hawk Casino, situated on an impressive mountain top in the City of Placerville. Red Hawk offers a new class of excitement and gaming action which includes: 2,100 Slots, Progressive Slots, 75 Table Games, Premier High-Limit Area, and an entirely non-smoking lower level, plus Premium Restaurants. Upon arrival, with valid I.D., receive a \$15 Free Play casino bonus. Bonuses are subject to change without notice.

Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.



## Lifestyles of Rich & the Famous Tour \$114 per person

No. 53069

Tuesday, August 5

Activity level: MEDIUM/ HIGH - Extended periods of walking and standing. Wear layers.

Join Gary Holloway for a tour focusing on the lifestyles of San Francisco's richest people and Old Nouveau Riche. Along the way he will entertain you with tales of history, gossip, and scandals. Explore the lavish Palace Hotel with a guided tour and dine in style at the hotel's Garden Court Restaurant with a choice of Chicken Club Sandwich with Roasted Chicken Breast, Apple Wood Smoked Bacon, Tomato, Red Pepper Aioli, served with French Fries or a Fresh Chef's Choice Vegetarian option. The meal includes assorted house made sorbets and coffee or tea. The afternoon will include Gary's commentary on the motor coach and a guided tour of the magnificent car collection at the Academy of Arts University.

• Motor coach leaves promptly at 9:30 AM and returns at approximately 4:30 PM.

# Monterey Zoo & Phil's Fish Market No. 53070 \$84 per person

Thursday, August 14

Activity level: MEDIUM – Approx. 1 and 1/2 hour drive each way; extended periods of walking and standing. Wear layers.

Our day begins with a private presentation and tour at the Monterey Zoo formerly known as Vision Quest Ranch in Salinas. This sanctuary for retired Hollywood animals includes trained wild/exotic birds, large cats, bears, elephants, and alligators and offers an educational and entertaining safari-like experience. Time will allow for a visit to the wonderful gift shop. Next, we'll visit the quaint fishing village of Moss Landing, for a hosted lunch at Phil's Fish Market & Restaurant. Choice of: 3 piece Halibut & Chips with coleslaw, Caesar Salad with Chicken or Shrimp, Stir Fry Calamari served with rice and green salad, or Sicilian Pasta with Roma tomatoes, basil, spices and sauce. Remember to bring a small cooler so you can take some fresh seafood home!

Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately at 3:30 PM



Join us for the sights and sounds of Monterey Zoo in Salinas (Above Left) and a hearty lunch at Phil's Fish Market in Moss Landing (Above Right) on Thursday, August 14.



Thunder Valley Casino \$43 per person

No. 53071

Wednesday, August 27

Activity level: MEDIUM – Approx. 3 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting

We're traveling to the Thunder Valley Casino & Resort in Lincoln, offering over 144,500 square feet of gaming excitement. Enjoy a drink or delicious cuisine served at one of the 14 bars and restaurants on the premises. Receive a \$15 free play and \$5 food credit that can be used at many of the dining facilities. Please remember your valid photo ID to collect any bonuses, winnings, or rewards.

• Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.

### Golden Gate Fields \$77 per person

No. 53803

Friday, September 5

Activity level: LOW – approx. 1 hour drive each way; moderate walking; some stairs; elevator. Enjoy Thoroughbred horse racing at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley. A buffet lunch at the Turf Club will include prime rib, chicken, and a variety of salads, fresh fruits, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverage. View the races from your Turf Club seats. Please remember there is a dress code of "Business Casual," meaning no jeans, shorts, tank tops, or flip flops. Men must wear collared shirts.

• Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.

### Santa Cruz Follies \$100 per person

No. 53072

Wednesday, September 10

Activity level: MEDIUM – Approx. 1 hour drive each way; long periods of sitting. Wear layers. Join us for this annual tradition - the Santa Cruz Follies at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. This year's show, "Moments in Time," will feature all the milestones of our lives accompanied by music. Enjoy music including Jolson, Boccelli, Garland, Streisand and more. Before the show we will enjoy a hosted lunch at Johnny's Harborside Restaurant. Our waterfront dining experience will include a choice of Chicken, Salmon, Steak, or Vegetarian Pasta. The meal will also include a choice of non-alcoholic beverage and chef's choice dessert.

• Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately at 4:30 PM.

## Bay Bridge Lights \$133 per person

No. 53804

Thursday, September 18

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/2 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting. Wear good walking shoes and dress in layers for evening cruise.

Don't miss this very special opportunity to enjoy a waterfront hosted dinner at Hs Lordships in Berkeley followed by a private bay cruise and narrated tour offering facts about the new Bay Bridge. Hosted dinner choices include: Prime Rib, Salmon, Chicken Picatta, or Pasta Primavera and includes a non-alcoholic beverage, choice of Clam Chowder or Mixed Green Salad, NY Cheesecake for dessert. During the cruise see the city waterfront at dusk, views of Angel Island, and travel under the bay bridge before stopping at the perfect vantage point to see the iconic sculpture shine! Designed by internationally renowned artist Leo Villareal, this stunning fine arts experience stands at seven times the scale of the Eiffel Tower's 100th Anniversary lighting. The Bay Lights is the world's largest light sculpture, 1.8 miles wide and 500 feet high.

• Motor coach leaves promptly at 3:30 PM and returns at approximately 10:30 PM.



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SF Giants vs. San Diego Padres

No. 53806

Sunday, September 28

\$87 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM - approx. 1 1/4 hour drive each way; extended periods of walking and sitting. Wear good walking shoes and layered clothing. Seats may experience prolonged instances of sun exposure.

It's Fan Appreciation Day at AT&T Park in San Francisco! Throughout the game there will be prizes given to fans in attendance. You might just be a lucky winner! We will arrive at the ballpark early to give you plenty of time to explore and purchase food before the game begins at 1:05 PM. Travelers will be dropped off and picked up at the entrance near the Orlando Cepeda statue for easy access to our lower box seats along the left field line. Please note: Game time is subject to change for television coverage; you will be notified if game time changes.

Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.

Cover's Apple Ranch and Indigeny Reserve No. 53805 **Tuesday, September 30** \$99 per person

Activity level: HIGH - Extended periods of walking and standing. Walking, closed-toe shoes are recommended.

Visit Cover's Apple Ranch in Tuolumne and take a ride on the miniature train through tunnels and around the pond, then visit the many barnyard animals. The main ranch house has delicious homemade goods from the bakery and fresh-pressed, 100% natural cider for purchase. Hosted lunch will include a choice of: Turkey, Ham, or Vegetarian Sandwich with choice of Soup or Salad, Apple Pie, and Coffee. Take a stroll through the gift shop with unique gifts and many locally made items that are available individually or can be assembled into beautiful gift baskets. Afterwards, we'll visit Indigeny Reserve and tour the ciderworks and distillery, see the state-of-the-art apple press and bottling equipment, fragrant oak barrel-filled aging chamber, and towering artisan double copper-pot stills. Learn about organic apple farming, hard-cider brewing, fermentation, and pasteurization – from land to glass. Afterwards, time will allow for a visit to the gift shop and art gallery.

Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:00 PM.





Visit the ranch house at Cover's Apple Ranch to purchase gifts or grab a slice of apple pie (Above Left). Tour the facilities at Indigeny Reserve and be sure to pick up some hard cider or brandy (Above Right).



### **EXTENDED TOURS**

Pageant of the Masters No. 51845 \$637 Double Occupancy; \$796 Single Occupancy Tuesday-Thursday, July 22-24

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – approx. 9 hour drive each way; extended periods of walking and sitting. Wear good walking shoes and layered clothing. Blankets and binoculars are recommended for the Pageant of the Masters performance.

Laguna Beach's Pageant of the Masters is an extraordinary whimsical adventure as real people recreate famous works of art by posing in an outdoor amphitheater with a live orchestra, original score, live narration, intricate sets and sophisticated lighting. This visual feast and its preparatory lectures are the culmination of a program that traces Southern California's multi-cultural history through the creativity of its many peoples. The 2014 theme, "The Art Detective," will reveal how lost treasures were discovered, where crimes of passion were uncovered (or covered up) and how creative riddles were unraveled, with a gallery of great masterpieces providing the clues! The stories and revelations are sure to provide fun for everyone and be anything but elementary. We depart on Tuesday, via Royal Coach motor coach, for Newport Beach, our hotel accommodations, and a hosted, waterfront dinner. The Holiday Inn Express Newport Beach is located on historic Mariner's Mile and within walking distance to a variety of excellent restaurants, shops and entertainment venues, and, of course, the ocean! Wednesday is filled with exciting activities and memorable experiences including: the Sawdust Art Festival where you are invited to shop along sawdust-covered paths through a hand-crafted village of fine arts and superb craftsmanship, the Festival of Arts walking tour where we'll learn about mediums and processes that make each artist's works unique, hosted dinner at Tivoli Gardens, and the Pageant of the Masters evening, outdoor performance! On tour days to and from Newport Beach, rest stops will be provided for your comfort. Detailed itinerary and menu options will be provided in Spring 2014.

 Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM on Tuesday and returns at approximately 7:30 PM on Thursday.



A beautiful scene is created with volunteers posing as characters in the scene, while a makeup artist applies the final touches.



### Next Let's Talk Travel! June 25, 2014 at 12:30 PM

Let's Talk Travel! meets on the fourth Wednesday of most months in the Mezzanine. Learn about upcoming tours, meet our travel staff and escorts, and ask questions. Newsletters are made available immediately following Let's Talk Travel. Call (408) 615-3170 for more information.

Please note: The AtG newsletter will be available at 1:00 PM on June 25.

Resident registration for new trips will begin at that time.

Non-residents may register beginning June 30.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) – In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department will ensure that all existing facilities will be made accessible to individuals with disabilities. Reasonable modifications in policies, procedures, and/or practices will be made as necessary to ensure full and equal access and enjoyment of all programs and activities for all individuals with a disability. In order to allow participation by individuals with severe allergies, environmental illnesses, multiple chemical sensitivity, or related disabilities, please **DO NOT wear scented products** to programs/activities at City facilities. Contact the Santa Clara Senior Center at (408) 615-3170 with accessibility concerns specific to this facility, and the Parks and Recreation office at (408) 615-2260 for accessibility concerns regarding other parks and recreation facilities/programs. For all other ADA questions, contact the City Clerk's office at (408) 615-2220.

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING IN 2014 and 2015

San Luis Obispo Extended Tour Spring Training in Arizona

Look in upcoming Adventures to Go newsletters for more information.

\*Trip destinations, dates, and fees are subject to change.

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